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A manga-style illustration featuring a young man with dark hair and a serious expression in the foreground, wearing a dark green trench coat. Behind him, a young woman with long, flowing blonde hair and large green eyes looks forward with a concerned expression. She is holding a long, thin sword or staff. The background is a cemetery with tombstones and a large, dark, rocky structure under a dramatic, orange-hued sky.

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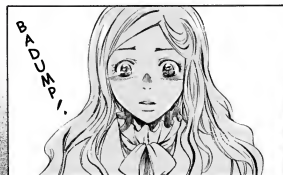


Stares















—
THIS IS
INDEED

ONE
TERRIBLE
HEAVY
RAIN

THANKS TO
THAT, IT IS
TROUBLING TO
GO ANYWHERE
.....

—THE FOURTH CENTRE POLICE STATION—





I AM
ARIA CHRIST

THE CHIEF OF
THIS POLICE
STATION,
CECILE POISS*

I
AM

THE CHRIST
FAMILY
!

OJIS-SAMA
HAS BEEN IN
YOUR GREAT
CARE

*T/N: I'M NOT REALLY GOOD WITH KATAKANA SO I'M NOT SURE IF POISS IS THE RIGHT SPELLING



THAT'S
A LITTLE
BIT
...

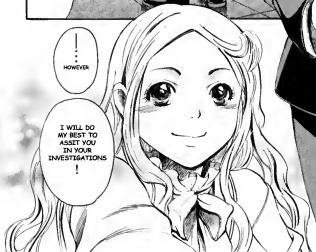
I HAVE HEARD
THAT YOU
ARE THE ONE
WHO INHERITED
HIS
"ABILITY"

WE FEEL
EXTREMELY
RELIEF FROM
THE BOTTOM
OF OUR
HEARTS

I'M NOT
EVEN SURE
IF MY LEVEL
OF POWER IS
COMPARABLE
TO
OJIS-SAMA
...

! ...
HOWEVER

I WILL DO
MY BEST TO
ASSIST YOU
IN YOUR
INVESTIGATIONS
!





WHO
MIGHT
THIS BE
?



YESS
!!

I'LL BE
IN YOUR
CARE



MY NAME
IS
JESS CHRIST

OH MY
PLEASE
PARDON MY
LACK OF
MANNER

I AM
ARIA'S
"GUARDIAN"



WELL
THEN,

WITHOUT
FURTHER
DELAY,
I WILL LEAD
YOU THE
WAY

THIS
WAY
PLEASE



I SEE,
I UNDER-
STAND.

NICE
TO MEET
YOU



GUARDIAN...?
YOU'RE NOT
HER "PATRON"
?

WELL, IT'S
SOMETHING
SIMILAR
TO THAT

AS I AM
ALSO HERE
AS ARIA'S
ASSISTANT



I FEEL
SOMEWHAT
NERVOUS

UWAH



—THE FOURTH CENTRE POLICE STATION
HOSPITAL'S UNDERGROUND—



A
:
H

THE ONE
FROM
THIS
MORNING

THANK
YOU



OI!

WHAT'S
THE
MEANING
OF
THIS ?



YOU STILL
HAVE INVESTIGATION
TO DO IN
THAT CRIME
SCENE, RIGHT ?



B-BUT
INSPECTOR



FIRST OF ALL,
TODAY WE'RE
GOING TO DO
A TEST TO SEE
WHETHER OR NOT
WE COULD
RELY ON

.....
WELL THEN
SINCE ALL THE
MEMBER ARE
HERE ALREADY

ARIA CHRIST'S
"ART OF SOUL
SOOTHSAYER"

THE KANTE AIDS FOR FORTUNE TELLING AND-BE IS FOR SOUL/SOFT

EH?
.....

.....
SOUL
SOOTH
SAYERS
.....
?

WAIT A
MOMENT
PLEASE

IT'LL BE
A WASTE
OF TIME

DO YOU MEAN
THAT WE'RE
GOING TO RELY
ON THE OCCULT
?

IT'LL BE BETTER
IF WE LET THE
CORONER
EXAMINE
THE DEAD
BODIES

.....
"Scholar"





I WONDER
IF HE'S
INTEREST
IN SOUL
SOOTHSAYING

THAT'S
UNEXPECTED.
I THOUGHT FOR
SURE HE'S GOING
TO LEAVE THE
ROOM



.....

...
ARIA-SAN

I KNOW IT'S
RUDE TO CALL
THIS A TEST,
BUT PLEASE
UNDERSTAND



ARIA-SAN



I
UNDERSTAND

.....

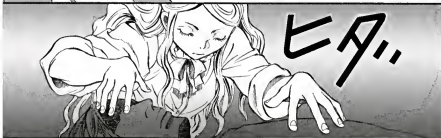
IN ORDER TO
OBTAIN
LEON-SAN'S TRUST
I NEED TO DO
MY BEST TOO
.....
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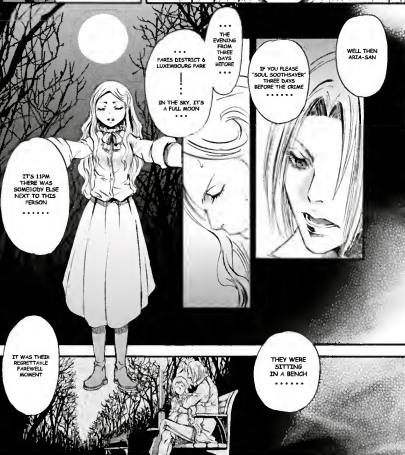
FOR A
START

LET US "SEE"
THE ORIGIN
OF THE
VICTIM

SAY ABSOLUTELY
NOTHING
ABOUT ALL THE
INFORMATIONS
TO US.







HER BELLY
IS BIG

.....
SHE'S THIS
PERSON'S
LOVER
.....

A PREGNANT
WOMAN
IT SEEMS

.....
YES, THAT
IS CORRECT

AS TO RESPECT
THE DECEASED
FAMILY WISHES,
WE DID NOT
ANNOUNCE THIS
INFORMATION
BUT, IT SEEMS
THAT THE OTHER
PERSON WAS
SOMEHOW
BECOME
A SACRIFICE

!!

IN AN INSTANT, THE TWO
WERE KNOCKED DOWN BY
THIS SHADOW, AND THEN

.....
THE WOMAN WAS
ATTACKED
...

RENDO WAS
OVERCOME
WITH
SURPRISE.
ALL HE
COULD DO
WAS JUST
WATCH
...

ARIA-
SAN

THE GULPRIT

....
MORE DETAIL ON
THE GULPRIT
APPEARANCE
PLEASE
...

!!

ABOVE
THEIR
HEADS
YOU SAY
!?

SUDDENLY
APPEAR
A HUGE
SHADOW
.....

.....
!!
ABOVE
THEIR
HEADS

THIS IS
.....
!

N-NOT
K...
KNIFE
!?

CLAWS
!?

THE
CULPRIT
IS
.....

WITH SHARP
CLAWS TORE
OFF THAT
WOMEN'S
ABDOMEN IN
HALF
.....

HER INTERNAL
ORGANS
.....
HER FETUS WERE
PULLED OUT
.....
AND WERE
EATEN UP
.....
!!!

.....
!!



**NOT
A HUMAN**

!!!







I'M NOT
ASKING
YOU TO
COME
ALONG

THAT'S
A
BIT
...

Y-YOURE
...
GOING BACK
THERE RIGHT
NOW !?

EHH
!?



AS
WHAT WE
HEARD
JUST
NOW

AND IT'S
BEEN
RAINING
FOR DAYS
TOO ...

THE CRIME
TOOK
PLACE THREE
DAYS AGO
RIGHT

EVEN IF WE
INVESTIGATE
MORE, THERE'S
PROBABLY
NOTHING
WE CAN DO
RIGHT



—
...
THE EVENING
THAT CHIEF-SAN
MENTIONED
EARLIER
...
...



INSPE-
CTOR
!





WHEN A
SIMILAR
CASE
OCCURRED
.....



APPARENTLY,
TODAY IS
THE EXACT DAY
FROM ONE YEAR
AGO



TODAY WAS
THE DAY WHEN
THE INSPECTOR
LOSE HIS
WIFE



IS
HER
GRAVE
.....

THEN, WHAT
WE SAW
THIS MORNING



EH
.....
!?



THE SAME
WITH THE
VICTIM HERE.
BOTH ARE
PREGNANT
WOMAN

THE REMAINS
OF THE VICTIMS
WERE ALSO
HARDLY KEPT
INTACT
.....

THE
INSPECTOR'S
WIFE WAS
ALSO
PREGNANT

AND
WHAT'S
MORE



SUCH A
THING
.....

.....
THAT'S
TRUE







IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN ME, I COULD LOOK INTO YOUR PAST IF YOU WANT ME TO

...
I THINK



THAT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE



IF THEY WERE ALIVE I COULD ALSO SEE A LITTLE BIT INTO THE FUTURE

...
CAN YOU REALLY DO THAT
...



WHAT YOU DID EARLIER ...

YOU CALL IT "ART OF SOUL SOOTHSAYER" ...
RIGHT

WHAT WAS IT



MY SPIRITUAL POWER ALLOW ME TO SEE, AND BRING "THE PAST TO THE PRESENT"

EXACTLY JUST AS YOU SAW



MY MEMORIES ARE BROKEN BECAUSE THEY SCATTERED ALL OVER THE PLACE

SOME PEOPLE WOULD SAY THAT



THE CAUSE IS STILL UNKNOWN BUT ...

YEAH

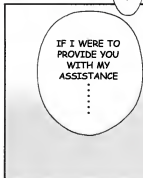
MEMORY LOSS ...
?



I THINK IT'LL BE HARD TO TELL IF IT'S ACCURATE

SO, EVEN IF YOUR DEVIATION HIT PLACE







TROUBLE-
SOME

THAT
PERSON
.....
REALLY IS

THAT
PERSON
?



HOW TO
SAY IT.
HE'S KIND
OF AWKWARD

.....
YOU'RE
RIGHT
BUT HE
BELIEVE IN
US ANYWAY



WELL
.....
IF THE TENDENCY
IS AS OF A WORK
COLLEAGUE, THEN
I'M FINE WITH
IT

BUT I
SOMEHOW
CAUGHT
IT



I REALLY
AM
GLAD
.....

FOR
TODAY
PLEASE GO
TO THE
ACADEMY
.....



PLEASE ALLOW
ME TO TAKE
A LOOK AT YOUR
PAST MEMORIES



HE WAS
FRIGHTENED
IN A QUITE
UNUSUAL
WAY



HIS
REACTION
WHEN YOU
WERE DOING
SOOTHSAYER
.....



CAUGHT
WHAT
?

EHH



I THINK
SOMEHOW
HE HAPPEN
TO KNOW
ABOUT THE
MURDERER
ITSELF

! ..
NOT
JUST
THAT

DO YOU
MEAN HE STILL
HAVE A LITTLE
BIT OF MEMORY
ABOUT THE
MURDERER
?



THAT THE
MURDERER
IS
! ..

HE
KNOW
.....
?



PROBABLY
THE SAME
KIND AS
ME